

May 4, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: FBC 2007 Section 302

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FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
FILED, on this date, with the designated  
Clerk, receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged.

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Commission Clerk  
Date 5/6/09

The following is a request for a petition for Declaratory Statement before the Florida Building Commission.

The space in question is located on the second floor of an existing four story fully sprinklered and monitored building. The existing building is a single tenant business occupancy. The approximate square footage of the proposed renovation is 6800 square feet. The area in question includes training/skill development rooms ranging between 800 square feet and 1050 square feet. These rooms are used for training purposes and will have an occupant load less than 50 people per the business occupancy requirements.

**Applicable Codes:**

- FBC, Section 303.1 Assembly Group A, Exception 3: A room or space used for assembly purposes that is less than 750 square feet in area and is accessory to another occupancy shall be classified as Group B occupancy or as part of that occupancy. **Training rooms are not classified under groups A-1 through A-5 or description of Assembly Group A.**
- FBC, Section 304.1 Business Group B lists training and skill development not within a school or academic program. **The intent of the proposed space falls under this requirement.**
- FBC, Section 508.3.1 Accessory occupancies, Exception 1: Accessory assembly areas having a floor area of 750 square feet are not considered separate occupancies. **Training rooms are not classified under groups A-1 through A-5 or description of Assembly Group A.**
- NFPA 101, section 6.1.2.2 Small Assembly Uses: Occupancy of any room or space for assembly purposes by fewer than 50 persons in another occupancy and incidental to such other occupancy shall be classified as part of the other occupancy and shall be subject to the provisions applicable thereto. **The intent of the proposed space falls under this requirement.**
- NFPA 101, section A.6.1.11.1 (appendix A) Business Occupancy: the business occupancies include (3) College and university instructional buildings, classrooms under 50 persons, and instructional laboratories. **The intent of the proposed space falls under this requirement.**

**QUESTION:**

Is it the intent for training/skill development rooms located within a single tenant building with a business occupancy to be classified as Assembly Group A or Business Group B? also, if the training rooms are greater than 750 SF, is occupancy separation required as indicated in section 508.3 and Table 508.3.3?

Note: Since the plans are currently in review, I understand that I must be an adjunct requestor, so I am including my information below.

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